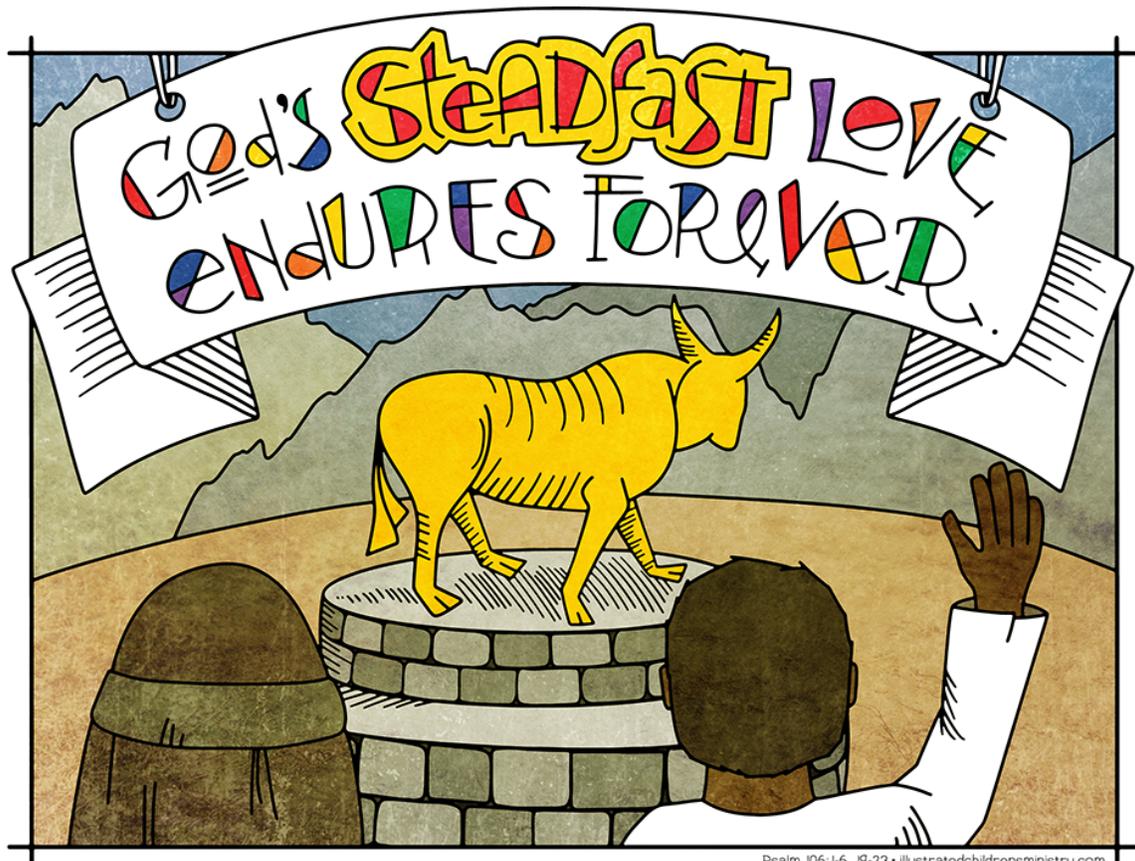


NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

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INTRO

Once all the children are sitting down, invite them to play a game of Simon Says with you. Give them a few very simple and quiet commands to keep it calm, e.g.: touch your nose, furrow your eyebrows, close your eyes, open your eyes. Invite the children to discuss what the most important thing is to remember when playing Simon Says. Tell the children that in order to win the game of Simon Says, it's important to follow what the leader is telling you.

SCRIPTURE READING

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How might Simon Says be kind of like our lives sometimes? Can you think of places and times it's important to follow a leader's instructions?
- I wonder if there's ever been a time when you did something you knew you weren't supposed to. What happened and how did it feel?
- Do any Bible stories come to mind of people doing things they knew weren't best?

WRAP-UP

Tell the children that in this morning's scripture, the Israelites did something God had asked them not to. Show the children this morning's illustration while explaining that the Israelites made and worshiped a big sculpture called a golden calf. Describe to them that the Israelites did this because it was probably difficult to trust when they couldn't see God like they could an object right in front of them. Explain that this went against one of the Ten Commandments God had given them, which are the best ways to live, and God knew they would be disappointed if they depended on a sculpture to give them what they needed. Explain that even though they had done something God didn't want them to by creating the golden calf, God forgave them because God's love is steadfast. Then wonder with the kids about what the word "steadfast" might mean and what other words could replace it. Explain to them that steadfast means loyal, dependable, solid, constant, never-ending. Tell them this means God's love was never-ending and constant for the Israelites no matter what they did. Explain that we will always be loved and forgiven by God even when we make mistakes, hurt other people, or go against what God hopes for us and the world. To close, invite the children to the pray with you.

PRAYER

Dear God, just like the Israelites, help us to learn how to follow your ways. And thank you for loving us and forgiving us even when we make mistakes. Amen.

God's Steadfast Love
Endures Forever.

